

Minutes of the Meeting of the STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held on 14 January 2020

PRESENT -

Councillor Eber Kington (Chairman); Councillor Clive Smitheram (Vice-Chairman); Councillors Arthur Abdulin, Kate Chinn, Nigel Collin, Neil Dallen (as nominated substitute for Councillor Hannah Dalton), David Gulland, Christine Howells (as nominated substitute for Councillor Steve Bridger), Colin Keane and Barry Nash

In Attendance: Councillor Alex Coley

Absent: Councillor Steve Bridger and Councillor Hannah Dalton

Officers present: Kathryn Beldon (Chief Executive), Damian Roberts (Chief Operating Officer), Lee Duffy (Chief Finance Officer), Gillian McTaggart (Head of Policy, Performance & Governance) and Tim Richardson (Committee Administrator)

34 QUESTION TIME

No questions were asked or had been submitted by members of the public.

35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made regarding items on this agenda.

36 FUTURE40 - LONG-TERM VISION FOR EPSOM AND EWELL

The Committee received a report seeking approval of the draft 'Our Vision Epsom and Ewell' document, which provided a long-term vision for the Borough. The Vision had been produced as the culmination of the Future40 consultation and engagement programme.

The following matters were considered:

- a) **Amendment to recommendation.** The Chairman informed the Committee that it was proposed to recommend the 'Our Vision Epsom and Ewell' document to the Council for approval. Recommendation 1 of the published agenda was amended accordingly.
- b) **Informing the Council's corporate plan, policies and work programmes.** The Committee noted that the Vision would inform the production and implementation of the Council's corporate plan, policies and work programmes. The Vision provided a high-level document which

set the context and direction of the Council's work, rather than identifying individual detailed actions.

- c) **Partnership working.** The Committee noted that the 'Our Vision, Epsom and Ewell' document highlighted some of the partner organisations which would work with the Council to enable the Vision's delivery. Following a question from a member, officers informed the Committee that the inclusion of further partner organisations would be considered.
- d) **Thanks to officers.** The Committee expressed its thanks to officers in undertaking the Future40 consultation, and producing the 'Our Vision Epsom and Ewell' document.

Following consideration, it was resolved:

That the Committee agreed:

- (1) **to recommend the 'Our Vision Epsom and Ewell' document to the Council.**
- (2) **to delegate to the Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer in consultation with the Chairman of Strategy and Resources any final design or minor drafting changes to the Vision document before its publication;**
- (3) **To endorse officers seeking opportunities to engage with partner organisations, from the public, private and voluntary sectors, oversee delivery of the Council's Vision.**

37 FOUR YEAR PLAN 2020 - 2024

The Committee received a report seeking agreement to a new four year corporate plan, for the period 2020 – 2024. The report also sought recommendation of the Plan to Council for adoption.

The following matters were considered:

- a) **Themes.** The Four Year Plan 2020 – 2024 identified six themes to guide the delivery of the Council's services over the next 4 years. The themes were: Green & Vibrant, Safe & Well, Cultural & Creative, Opportunity & Prosperity, Smart & Connected and Effective Council.
- b) **Annual targets and performance monitoring.** The Committee noted that targets for the delivery of the Four Year Plan 2020 – 2024 would be agreed on an annual basis by the relevant Committee and monitored through the Council's performance management framework.
- c) **Delivery of Digital services.** A member identified that best practice guidance on the provision of digital services by central government and local public services had been issued by the Government Digital Service (GDS) and Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government. This

included the GDS Digital Service Standard and Local Digital Declaration. It was noted that these would be considered by Officers.

- d) **Community involvement in production of Vision and Corporate Plan.**
The Committee considered that residents and organisations within the Borough should be acknowledged and thanked for their valued input and feedback on the Long-term Vision for Epsom and Ewell and the 4 Year Plan 2020-2024.

Following consideration, it was resolved:

That the Committee agreed:

- (1) **the draft corporate plan entitled 'Four Year Plan, 2020-2024', attached at Annex 1 to the report; and**
- (2) **to recommend to Council the adoption of the Four Year Plan 2020-2024 as the Council's new corporate plan.**

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 7.53 pm

COUNCILLOR EBER KINGTON (CHAIRMAN)

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